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Armed robbery at Russell

Man in dark clothing robs victims near ATMs Thursday; no suspects identified

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An armed robbery occurred near the ATMs behind Russell House Thursday around 10:30 p.m.

The victims were approached by an 18- to 25-year-old man wearing a dark jacket, dark pants and a gray hooded sweater who proceeded to demand money from them with a firearm, according to a police report.

The suspect then fled on foot toward Greene Street.

The incident is still under investigation, and there is currently no suspect in the case, said Major Eric Grabski

with USC's Department of Law Enforcement and Safety.

"Anytime something like this happens, it increases our awareness and the community's awareness," Grabski said. "Our officers are on the alert to anything that's similar."

Grabski said students should walk in well-lit areas or with others. He also encourages students to use the university's call boxes or immediately call the police in an uncomfortable situation.

It's the second high-profile crime alert posted by the university in the past month. A sexual assault was reported in January at Assembly and Blossom Street, but no further details have been released.

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IT'S ANYBODY'S ELECTION

Student Government elections are almost here, and in today's edition we give you in-depth looks at each candidate for executive office and their platforms.

Our editorial board also spent time with each candidate, and our choices for office are inside on the Viewpoints page.

Voter turnout in these elections is historically low. In fact, only 20 percent of students take time to vote some years. But these student body officers control hundreds of thousands of dollars, represent the student body at hundreds of events and are the primary catalysts for new student initiatives on campus.

It's easy to vote. Voting for student body executives and student senate opens on VIP at 9 a.m. Feb. 15 and ends at 5 p.m. Feb. 16. The Student Government Elections ballot can be found underneath the "Personal" tab on VIP.

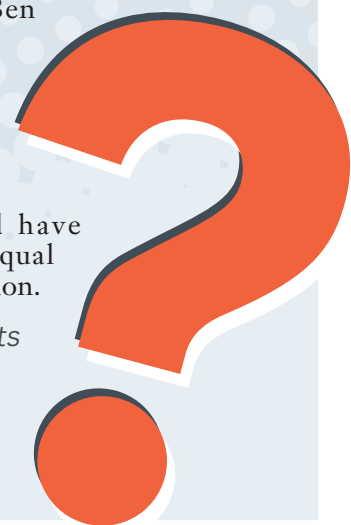
Write-in ballots may be cast in room 227 in the Russell House. In addition to SG officers, you will also be able to vote on a new SG constitution.

This proposed amendment to the SG Constitution will merge the Graduate Student Association and Student Government and create a "stronger voice for graduate students, who are woefully underrepresented in our current government system" said GSA President Ben Bullock.

Should it pass, SG will become a bicameral legislature with both a graduate and undergraduate branch. Both would have vice presidents with equal power in the organization.

— From staff reports

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OH CLOWNEY DAY!



Alex C. Hicks Jr. / THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Jadeveon Clowney, the top-ranked football recruit in the nation, will announce his college decision today at 10:15 at South Point High in Rock Hill. Clowney will choose between USC, Clemson and Alabama. He is expected to choose the Gamecocks. See tomorrow's edition of The Daily Gamecock for full coverage.

Still need a Valentine? You've got 3 minutes

Russell speed dating event gives 30 dates in 2 hours

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More than 100 USC singles lined up in front of the Russell House Ballroom Saturday afternoon in hopes of finding that special someone.

"A Night to Remember," a speed-

dating event, was held for students living on campus to meet new friends and possibly even find love.

Since few people under 21 have attended a speed-dating event before, many students showed up out of pure curiosity.

Here's how it worked: Each participant was assigned a number, boys odd and girls even. Ladies all sat on one side of the table with guys facing them on the

other. Each "date" lasted three minutes, and at the sound of a bell, indicating the session was over, the gentlemen would move to the seat on their right. Conversation covered topics such as hobbies, favorite food and music, worst fear and type of relationship sought.

After meeting a new potential sweetheart, both the guy and girl had the opportunity to circle their partner's number on a piece of paper, requesting

to see them again. But, the catch was you could only receive your love interest's information if he or she circled your number as well. Each participant experienced over 30 "dates" in less than two hours, a tiring, yet exciting, feat.

A circuit for the LGBTQ community was an added touch, providing anyone a chance to have a good time.

DATING • 2



Courtesy of Tara Merino

The over 100 attendees of "A Night to Remember" had three minutes to small talk with prospective Valentines before a bell rang and they had to move on to another mini-date.

WEATHER

Monday

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Tuesday

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MIX



Valentine's Day

Whether movies are your inspiration or your date spot, The Mix has you covered this year.

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SPORTS



Men's Basketball

After a terrible the first half, the Gamecocks couldn't salvage the game despite a solid second-half showing.

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SPORTS



Softball

The Gamecocks are off to a strong start this season after freshman Julie Saratt's no-hitter.

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USC funds attendees to student conference

National Black Graduate Student Conference to be held in Columbia from March 9-13

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The 23rd Annual National Black Graduate Student Conference is coming to Columbia on March 9, and USC will pay the registration fees for 35 participants. The Gamecock Scholars Program will fund 20 graduate and 15 undergraduate students who submit an abstract for a paper, poster or workshop to the conference's website at goshatechnologies.com/nbgsa/site/conference/2011. The deadline is Tuesday, and awarded scholars will be announced Friday.

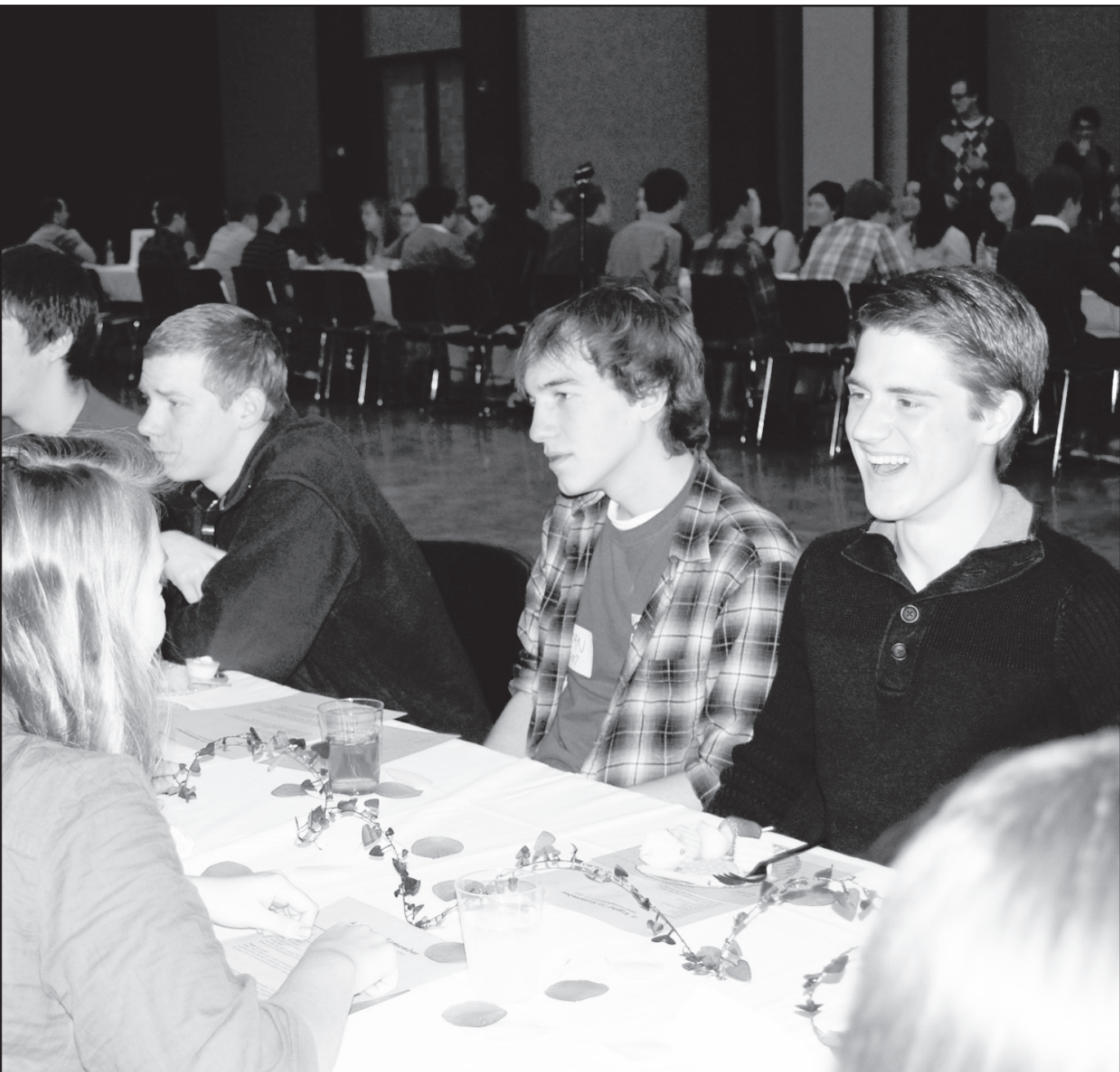
The conference will be held at the Radisson Hotel Conference Center and last through March 13. Its website describes the event as "a scholarly conference where networking and academic, professional and social opportunities occur." This year's theme is "Transforming Roads Ahead."

According to its website, the National Black Graduate Student Association is a member-managed organization that offers "leadership training, professional development, mentoring opportunities [and] carer placement services."

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Courtesy of the National Black Graduate Student Conference. The university will fund students who submit abstracts for papers, posters or workshops by this Tuesday.



Courtesy of Tara Merino

Participants in the "A Night to Remember" Valentine's Day event were treated to free food, prizes and good conversation.

DATING ● Continued from 1A

Emily Faria, a second-year nursing student, served as the head coordinator of this event, along with the hall governments of Capstone, Preston, Honors and the Horseshoe. "We try to do a program about every month, but we wanted to do something big for Valentines Day that would bring the campus

together and get people out of the dorms," she said, "I'm hoping that it's not just a date, but that people will want to get more involved on campus and meet new people."

With gift cards to Vista restaurants as potential prizes, free food and the hope of finding a soulmate in the air, it's no wonder over 100 students filled the Ballroom for "A Night to Remember."

The ladies appeared wearing festive skirts and dresses, many pink or red to celebrate the holiday. Guys also dressed to impress, complete with nice polos and a few spritzes of cologne.

Nichole Hinchman, a first-year business student, said, "I just thought it would be fun, and now I can cross speed-dating off of my Bucket List." Joined by

Natalie Royals, a first-year civil engineering student, the girls both agreed that they would love to find someone fun who would plan an exciting Valentines Day date. Hinchman added, "If a guy had the guts to come here, I'm already interested."

Aaron Vanderhoff, a third-year exercise science student, seemed to have a similar idea of what he was looking for, noting that his perfect girl would have to be intellectual and enjoy trying new things. On where he would take her, he said, "I'd start with a nice restaurant and then listen to live music or go see a movie."

Participants were given the contact information of potential Valentines after the event, and now it's up to them whether or not they will take the next step to a less lonely romantic holiday.

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STUDENT BODY ELECTIONS 2011

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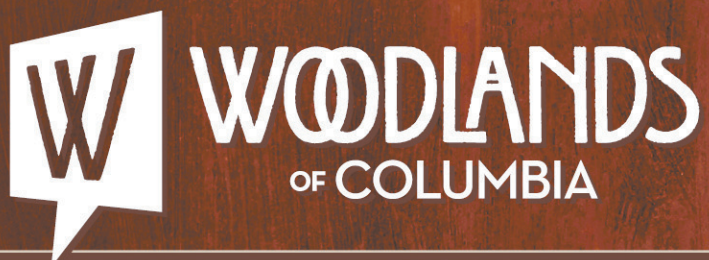
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The following Referendum will appear on the Feb. 15 and 16 Student Body Election ballot. Students may vote yes or no.

Student Body Legislation (102)01 is the revised Student Government Constitution to include the consolidation of the Graduate Student Association and the Student Government.

CONSTITUTION OF STUDENT GOVERNMENT

NOTE: BY LAW THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES IS THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE UNIVERSITY AND THIS CONSTITUTION IN NO WAY ABROGATES OR LIMITS THE AUTHORITY OF THE BOARD IN MATTERS OF GOVERNANCE.

Preamble

We, the students of the University of South Carolina, in order to conduct student affairs in an efficient, orderly, and systematic manner, do define clearly the powers and responsibilities of the students: to lead our fellow students in maintaining and improving the standards of our University, and to represent the interests of the students to the administration, the Board of Trustees, and the general public. We do hereby ordain and establish this constitution for the Student Government of the University of South Carolina.

ARTICLE I THE ESTABLISHMENT OF STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Section 1 NAME

The name of this body shall be the Student Government of the University of South Carolina, hereafter referred to as the Student Government.

Section 2 JURISDICTION

All students, by virtue of their registration at the Columbia campus of the University of South Carolina, shall be members of the Student Body and shall be subject to this Constitution, and the Student Government Codes.

Section 3 FRANCHISE

All students registered at the Columbia campus shall be entitled to vote in special and general elections of the Student Government.

Section 4 DEFINITIONS

Unless stated otherwise, the following words or phrases in this Constitution shall be defined as follows:

1. "President" shall mean the President of the Student Body.
2. "Graduate Vice President" shall mean the Student Government Vice President for Graduate and Professional Students.
3. "Undergraduate Vice President" shall mean the Student Government Vice President for Undergraduate Students.
4. "Undergraduate Treasurer" shall mean the Student Government Treasurer for Undergraduate Students.
5. "Graduate Treasurer" shall mean the Student Government Treasurer for Graduate Students.
6. "Senate" shall mean the Undergraduate Student Senate.
7. "Graduate Board" shall mean the Board of Graduate and Professional Students.
8. "Constitution" shall mean this Student Government Constitution.
10. "Codes" shall mean the Student Government Codes.
11. "Undergraduate Student" shall mean a student enrolled in an undergraduate course of study, as defined by the University Registrar.
12. "Graduate Student" shall mean a student enrolled in a graduate or professional course of study, as defined by the University Registrar.
13. "Coordinator" shall mean a relevant Student Life Staff Member.

ARTICLE II EXECUTIVE POWERS

Section 1 EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

All executive powers of the Student Government shall be vested in a President of the Student Body, a Vice President for Undergraduate Students, a Vice President for Graduate and Professional Students, a Treasurer for Undergraduate Students, and a Treasurer for Graduate Students who shall be elected in a manner provided for by the Constitution and Codes of Student Government.

Section 2 DUTIES AND POWERS OF THE PRESIDENT

The President shall:

1. Uphold the Constitution and Codes and administer all regulations established therein.

2. Call special sessions of the Senate, the Graduate Board, or Joint Sessions of the Senate and Graduate Board as described herein.
3. Make recommendations for legislation to the Senate or the Graduate Board.
4. Address the Senate and the Graduate Board at the beginning of each semester and at other times upon invitation of the Senate or the Graduate Board.
5. Appoint cabinet members and Constitutional Council members as specified herein.
6. Remove any cabinet member from an appointed executive position.
7. Appoint such officials that he or she deems necessary for the expeditious conduct of Student Government business.
8. Act as the official representative of the Student Government and as an official representative of the University upon request of the President of the University.
9. If no one files for candidacy for either Undergraduate Treasurer or Graduate Treasurer, the President shall have the power to appoint either position. Appointments made in this manner shall require the approval of the Senate in the case of the Undergraduate Treasurer, or the Graduate Board in the case of the Graduate Treasurer.
10. With the assistance of the Treasurers, provide for the preparation and presentation of the Student Government budget.
11. Receive a stipend, as provided for in the Codes, which shall not be increased or diminished during his or her term of office.

Section 3 DUTIES AND POWERS OF THE GRADUATE VICE PRESIDENT

The Graduate Vice President shall:

1. Make recommendations to the Graduate Board to fill vacant seats on the Board.
2. Make recommendations for legislation to the Graduate Board.
3. Preside over meetings of the Graduate Board as a non-voting member.
4. Appoint, with the consent of the Graduate Board, any officers and committees as he or she shall deem necessary for the conduct of business.
5. Execute any directives, initiatives and programming for the benefit of the Graduate Student Body.
6. Receive a stipend, not to exceed that of the Student Body President that shall remain identical to that of the Undergraduate Vice President, as provided for in the Student Government Codes, which shall not be increased or diminished during his or her term of office.

Section 4 DUTIES AND POWERS OF THE UNDERGRADUATE VICE PRESIDENT

The Undergraduate Vice President shall:

1. Serve as presiding officer of the Senate and vote only in the event of a tie.
2. Appoint the members of Senate Committees.
3. Appoint such officials as the Senate shall deem necessary for the expeditious conduct of Senate business.
4. Communicate all acts and resolutions of the Senate to the President.
5. Make recommendations to fill vacant Senate seats to the Powers and Responsibilities committee. Recommendations shall be made from the district in which the vacancy exists. Students who are minor-ing in the district that is different from their major district will become eligible to fill the seat of the minor district if an attempt has been made by the Senate to fill the seat, and the seat has been vacant for a period of one month.
6. Receive a stipend, not to exceed that of the President that shall remain identical to that of the Graduate Vice President, as provided for in the Codes, which shall not be increased or diminished during his or her term of office.
7. Appoint chairpersons to Senate Committees with the concurrence of a majority of the Senate.

Section 5 EXECUTIVE VETO POWER

A. The Student Body President shall have the sole power to veto or approve any act, other than financial allocations, of the Senate and the Graduate Board in their entirety or veto individual clauses within acts provided that he/she exercises such power within six (6) school days or ten (10) calendar days of passage, whichever comes first. A veto may be over-ridden by a two-thirds (2/3) votes of the Chamber in which the vetoed act originated. If the President takes no action within the stated time period, the act is considered approved.

- B. Financial Allocations
1. All financial allocation of the Senate shall be subject to veto or approval by the highest elected undergraduate official. Vetoes may be used with regard to the entire allocation or individual clauses. This act must be exercised within six (6) school days or ten (10) calendar days of passage, whichever comes first. A veto may be over-ridden by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Senate Chamber. If the highest elected undergraduate official takes no action within the stated time period, the act is considered approved.
2. All financial allocations of the Graduate Board shall be subject to veto or approval by the highest elected graduate official. Vetoes may be used with regard to the entire allocation or individual clauses. This act must be exercised within six (6) school days or ten (10) calendar days of passage, whichever comes first. A veto may be over-ridden by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Graduate Board. If the highest elected graduate official takes no action within the stated time period, the act is considered approved.

Section 6 DUTIES AND POWERS OF THE TREASURERS

A. The Undergraduate Treasurer shall:

1. Have access to all financial records of any undergraduate student organization or body which receives monies from Student Activities Fees, and be empowered to enforce University and Student Government regulations pertaining to these funds and to enforce any agreements between the Organization(s) and the Senate.
2. Advise the Senate when it shall meet for the purpose of allocating funds to undergraduate student organizations.
3. With the Graduate Treasurer, record all receipts, expenditures, and appropriations of monies from Student Government. These records shall be made public and subject to audit as the Senate may provide.
4. With the assistance of the President and the Graduate Treasurer, be responsible for the preparation and presentation, of the Student Government Budget.
5. Participate with the Coordinator in planning and coordinating an informational workshop for student organizations as established in the Codes.
- B. The Graduate Treasurer shall:
1. Have access to all financial records of any graduate student organization or body which receives monies from Student Activities Fees, and be empowered to enforce University and Student Government regulations pertaining to these funds and to enforce any agreements between the Organization(s) and the Graduate Board.
2. Advise the Graduate Board when it shall meet for the purpose of allocating funds to graduate student organizations.
3. With the Undergraduate Treasurer, record all receipts, expenditures, and appropriations of monies from Student Government. These records shall be made public and subject to audit as the Graduate Board may provide.

4. With the assistance of the President and the Undergraduate Treasurer, be responsible for the preparation and presentation of the Student Government Budget.
5. Participate with the Coordinator in planning and coordinating an informational workshop for student organizations as established in the Codes.

Section 7 DUTIES AND POWERS OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

The Attorney General shall:

1. Be appointed by the President of the Student Body and assume duties upon concurrence of a majority of the Senate and the Graduate Board in joint session.
2. When solicited, provide opinions on questions of constitutionality.
3. Certify all Student Government Elections pursuant to the Constitutional Election Codes.
4. In the event of a constitutional challenge against the Student Government, represent Student Government before the Constitutional Council.
5. When solicited, provide opinions on the determination of whether or not legislation passed by either the Senate or the Graduate Board must be passed by both the Senate and Graduate Board, in accordance with this Constitution.

ARTICLE III THE LEGISLATURE

Section 1 LEGISLATIVE POWERS

The legislative power of the undergraduate students shall be vested in an Undergraduate Student Senate and its acts shall have binding effect on all Student Government Bodies relating to undergraduate students. Further, undergraduate student organizations that receive funds from Student Government allocations shall be subject to Senate guidelines. The legislative power of the graduate students shall be vested in the Board of Graduate and Professional Students, which shall have the same authority over matters relating to graduate students and graduate student organizations.

Section 2 COMPOSITION OF THE SENATE

A. Composition of the Senate shall be as follows:

1. There shall be an elected body of undergraduate student representatives known as Senators.
2. From this body the Senate shall select a President Pro Tempore.
- B. Representation
1. Senate apportionment shall take place before the spring of each year. The most current official enrollment statistics for a complete semester shall be used as the basis of reapportionment. As stipulated in the codes, the Senate shall propose apportionment each year to be confirmed by the Senate body by a 2/3 majority.
2. All undergraduate students shall be represented from their colleges, regardless of residence status or class. Potential Senators may only run for office in the college in which he or she is enrolled according to his or her major. If a vacancy occurs during the Senate term, the Senate shall have a period of one (1) month to fill the seat with a student who is enrolled in the district according to the student's minor.

Section 3 DUTIES AND POWERS OF THE SENATE

A. The Senate shall, in accordance with this Constitution:

1. Enact, by a majority vote, Codes governing the general activity of Student Government and the non-academic conduct of undergraduate students, subject to the approval of the President of the Student Body and the President of the University. Such Codes may not conflict with or supersede the Constitution.
2. Propose by two-thirds (2/3) vote amendments to this Constitution. Such amendments must have a two-thirds (2/3) concurrence of the Graduate Board.
3. Establish its own meeting time and rules of procedure.
4. Elect, as the first order of business of each newly elected Senate, a President Pro Tempore from its membership. He or she shall be a voting member of the Senate. He or she shall act in lieu of the Undergraduate Vice President of the Student Government in his or her absence or disability.
5. Hear the President of the Student Body as directed in this Constitution, or by Senate rules.
6. Allow no proxies, substitutes, or alternates to act in place of a Senator.
7. Conduct all Senate Meetings in accordance with the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act.
8. Allow non-members to address the Senate upon invitation of a majority of that body.
9. Have sole power to declare vacancies in its membership for reasons to be determined by its rules.
10. Provide for the holding of a referendum on pertinent issues to the student body, given a two-thirds (2/3) approval by the Senate.
11. Have the power to subpoena any officer of Student Government or the Senate by a majority vote.
12. Have the power to pass non-binding resolutions by a majority vote which will not be subject to presidential veto.
13. Subject to the approval of the President of the University, provide for the allocation of Undergraduate Student Activity Fee Funds.

Section 4 COMPOSITION OF THE GRADUATE BOARD

A. The Graduate Board shall consist of:

1. The Graduate Vice President, who shall preside over meetings of the Board, but not vote, unless in case of a tie.
2. An elected group of graduate student representatives also known as Senators, who shall vote.

Shall the Constitution of the Student Government be ratified as amended?

Yes ☐ or No ☐

3. A Vice-Chair, elected by and from the voting membership of the Graduate Board, who shall act in lieu of the Graduate Vice President in his or her absence or disability.
- B. Representation

1. The apportionment of seats shall be distributed among the various colleges and schools in a proportional manner provided for in the codes.
2. Vacant seats on the board shall be filled upon the recommendation of the Graduate Vice President with the consent of a majority of the Board, as provided for in the codes.

Section 5 DUTIES AND POWERS OF THE GRADUATE BOARD

The Graduate Board shall, in accordance with this Constitution:

1. Enact, by a majority vote, Codes governing the non-academic conduct of graduate students, subject to the approval of the President of the Student Body and the President of the University. Such Codes may not conflict with or supersede the Constitution.
2. Propose by two-thirds (2/3) vote amendments to this Constitution. Such amendments must have the two-thirds (2/3) concurrence of the Senate.
3. Confirm all appointments made by the Graduate Vice President.
4. Establish its own meeting time and rules of procedure.
5. Hear the President of the Student Body as directed in this Constitution, or by Board rules.
6. Conduct all meetings in accordance with the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act.
7. Allow non-members to address the Board upon invitation of a majority of that body.
8. Have sole power to declare vacancies in its membership for reasons to be determined by its rules.
9. Provide for the holding of a referendum on pertinent issues to the student body, given a two-thirds (2/3) approval by the Board.
10. Have the power to subpoena any officer of Student Government by a majority vote.
11. Have the power to pass non-binding resolutions by a majority vote which will not be subject to presidential veto.
12. Subject to the approval of President of the University, provide for the allocation of Graduate Student Activity Fee Funds.

Section 6 JOINT LEGISLATIVE DUTIES

A. The Senate and the Graduate Board shall, as necessary, pass legislation on matters which may affect the entire Student Body. Such legislation must pass both the Senate and Graduate Board with identical language before being submitted to the President. The Student Government Budget and Legislation regarding a change in student fees must be passed in this manner.

B. The Senate and Graduate Board shall establish in their rules a process for resolving disagreements in language between them.

C. Neither the Senate nor the Graduate Board may pass legislation which would interfere with or impact the other body.

D. When given the notice of two weeks, The Senate and the Graduate Board shall meet in Joint Assembly:

1. To confirm appointments of the Student Body President to the Cabinet and the Constitutional Council.
2. To hear the Student Body President at the beginning of each semester and at other times when called by the Student Body President.
3. As called by the Student Body President, or as agreed to by both the Senate and the Graduate Board.
4. As often as is required by the codes.
5. When a recorded vote is taken, each Graduate Board delegation shall submit one (1) collective vote. The Student Senate Arts & Sciences delegation and Business delegation shall submit two (2) collective votes. All other Student Senate delegations shall submit one (1) collective vote. All members shall gather into delegations by district and determine, through the rules of the Senate and Graduate Board, how they shall cast their vote.
6. To exercise the power of impeachment of elected or appointed officials of the Student Government of the University of South Carolina. Impeachment shall require a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Senate and the Graduate Board in joint session. The Chief Justice will be notified to begin impeachment proceedings upon receipt of Bill of Impeachment signed by the individual or official initiating the charges with the document having been witnessed and notarized. The following shall occur:

- a. Impeachment shall be defined in the Codes. Impeachment charges may only occur for those reasons stated in the Codes.
- b. The Chief Justice shall then call a session of a joint committee, known as the Court of Impeachment, within ten (10) working days of such notice to consider impeachment charges and/or try the impeachment. The Coordinator for Student Government shall attend all impeachment proceedings as a non-voting member.
- c. The Court shall be comprised of at least six Senators. Three shall be from the Senate appointed by the Undergraduate Vice President and three shall be from the Graduate Board, appointed by the Graduate Vice President. The exceptions to this shall be:
- i. If impeachment charges have been brought against the Undergraduate Vice President or an officer or member of the Senate, the Senate Judiciary Committee shall serve as the Court of Impeachment. The Judiciary Chairman shall chair the Court.
- ii. If impeachment charges have been brought against an officer or member of the Graduate Board, then the Court shall

be composed of six graduate Senators appointed by the Graduate Vice President and not require the concurrence of the Senate. If impeachment charges have been brought against the Graduate Vice President, then the Vice-Chair of the Graduate Board shall appoint members to the Court.

iii. If impeachment charges are brought against the Chief Justice, the most senior Associate Justice will be notified and shall preside over the Court.

iv. No senator may serve on the court of his or her own impeachment.

d. A recommendation for conviction or acquittal to Senate and Graduate Board in joint assembly shall require a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members of the Court. Failure of the Court of Impeachment to make a recommendation to the Senate within thirty days of receipt of charges shall constitute acquittal.

e. Conviction or acquittal shall require a two-thirds (2/3) concurrence vote of the recommendation of the Court of Impeachment by the Senate and the Graduate Board in joint assembly. A conviction must lead to removal of office.

f. Judgment in cases of impeachment shall not extend further than removal from any office held in Student Government. However, the party impeached, whether convicted or acquitted, shall be liable to prosecution according to State and Federal Law. No officer shall exercise any official duties or receive a stipend after being impeached.

ARTICLE IV THE JUDICIARY

Section 1 DISCIPLINE SYSTEM

The student discipline system is administered by the Division of Student Affairs. Student Government, as an elected and representative voice of the Student Body, has the right to comment on any proposed change in policy pertaining to the discipline of students. The discipline system is not a part of Student Government and interacts with Student Government only to the extent authorized by the Board of Trustees and as stated in this Constitution.

Section 2 JUDICIAL AUTHORITY

The judicial authority of Student Government shall be vested in a Constitutional Council. The authority to review and rule on constitutional challenges shall be vested in the Constitutional Council.

A. Membership

The membership of the Constitutional Council shall be five members.

B. Selection

The members of the Constitutional Council shall be selected in the following manner:

1. The Chief Justice shall be appointed by the Student Body President with the advice and consent of the Senate and the Graduate Board in joint assembly.
2. Four (4) Associate Justices shall be appointed by the Student Body President and with the advice and consent of the Senate and the Graduate Board in joint assembly.
- C. Vacancies
- If a vacancy occurs on the Constitutional Council, the Student Body President shall appoint a successor as provided for in this Constitution. If a vacancy occurs for the seat of the Chief Justice, the President shall appoint a successor for that seat as provided for in this Constitution.
- D. Tenure
- After being appointed to the Constitutional Council, a member shall serve a period of no longer than four years. The Justices shall remain in good standing with his or her respective college from the time of his or her appointment until the appointment of his or her successor.

E. The Chief Justice of the Student Body

The Chief Justice shall have the responsibility to:

1. administer the oath of office to all elected Student Government officials;
2. serve as chair of the Court of Impeachment.
3. serve as the chair for the Constitutional Council.

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1. administer the oath of office to all elected Student Government officials;
2. serve as chair of the Court of Impeachment.
3. serve as the chair for the Constitutional Council.

E. The Chief Justice of the Student Body

The Chief Justice shall have the responsibility to:

1. administer the oath of office to all elected Student Government officials;
2. serve as chair of the Court of Impeachment.
3. serve as the chair for the Constitutional Council.

ARTICLE V ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS

Section 1 QUALIFICATIONS FOR OFFICE

A. The President of the Student Body shall be elected from a majority (more than 50%) of those graduate and undergraduate students voting in the Student Government Elections and must) have earned at least sixty (60) hours overall at the time of inauguration and must have earned at least thirty (30) of those hours as an undergraduate student or at least nine (9) of those hours as a graduate student at the University of South Carolina-Columbia Campus.

B. The Undergraduate Vice President of Student Government shall be elected from a majority (more than 50%) of those undergraduate students voting in the Student Government Elections and must have earned at least thirty (30) of those hours as an undergraduate student or at least nine (9) of those hours as a graduate student at the University of South Carolina-Columbia Campus.

C. The Graduate Vice President of Student Government shall be elected from a majority (more than 50%) of those graduate students voting in the Student Government Elections and must have earned at least nine (9) hours as a graduate student at the University of South Carolina-Columbia Campus.

D. The Treasurer for Undergraduate Students shall be elected from a majority (more than 50%) of those undergraduate students voting in the Student Government Elections and must be at least a sophomore in class standing at the time of inauguration with at least fifteen (15) hours earned at the University of South Carolina – Columbia Campus.

E. The Treasurer for Graduate Students shall be elected from a majority (more than

50%)of those graduate students voting in the Student Government Elections and must have earned at least nine (9) hours as a graduate student at the University of South Carolina – Columbia Campus.

F. The election of Senators shall be conducted as provided by the Constitution and Codes.

G. Any student who is considered full time by the University Registrar may be a candidate for any office provided the other specific requirements for the particular office are satisfied.

H. No Senator may simultaneously be a member of the Executive Branch or serve on the Constitutional Council.

I. No member of the Executive Branch may simultaneously serve in the Legislative Branch or serve on the Constitutional Council.

J. No member of the Constitutional Council may simultaneously serve in the Legislative or Executive Branch of Student Government.

K. No Senator may serve on the Senate and the Graduate Board simultaneously.

L. All elected or appointed Student Government officials must maintain the cumulative GPA requirement for graduation and remain in good standing in their respective college and with the Office of Student Judicial Programs and shall cease to serve at any time these standards are not maintained.

M. The term of office for all executive officers, those appointed by them in the Executive Branch, and of all Senators, and those appointed by them in the Legislative Branch shall begin the first Monday following Spring Break and conclude on the first Monday following Spring Break in the following year, unless stated otherwise in the Constitution.

N. Members of the Freshman Council and the Advisors of the Freshman Council shall serve from the time they are appointed until the conclusion of that academic year.

Section 2 TIME OF ELECTION

The exact date shall be determined by the Codes. The following offices shall be filled on that day:

- A. President of the Student Body
- B. Graduate Vice President of Student Government
- C. Undergraduate Vice President of Student Government
- D. Undergraduate Treasurer
- E. Graduate Treasurer
- F. Student Senators
- G. Any others provided for by the Codes.

Section 3 PROCEDURE FOR ELECTIONS

- A. Procedure for nomination and elections shall be stated in the Codes.
- B. Election officials will be appointed by the Student Body President and confirmed by a majority vote of the Senate. These officials shall not hold any other Student Government elective office and shall not be eligible for election while serving in that appointed position.
- C. Each candidate will be responsible for the knowledge and compliance of the qualifications for the office which he or she seeks, and election rules as established by the Senate Statutes.
- D. All elections shall be conducted by secret ballot.
- E. To be elected, a candidate for the Senate must receive a plurality of the total votes cast in the first election where the seat is contested.
- F. Candidates for Executive Office are subject to regulations as prescribed in Section 1 of this Article. In the event that an Executive Office candidate does not receive a majority vote, within fourteen (14) days after the first election there shall be a run-off election on a day designated by the Codes. Upon approval by a majority vote in the run-off, a candidate shall be declared elected.

Section 4 SUCCESSION

A. Should the office of the President be vacated for any reason:

1. The Undergraduate Vice President shall succeed to the office of the President if the elected President was an undergraduate student at the time of election.
2. The Graduate Vice President shall succeed to the office of the President if the elected President was a graduate student at the time of election.
- B. Should the office of the Undergraduate Vice President be vacated for any reason, the President Pro-Tempore of the Senate shall succeed to the office of the Undergraduate Vice President.
- C. Should the office of the Graduate Vice President be vacated for any reason, the Vice-Chair of the Graduate Board shall succeed to the office of the Graduate Vice President.

ARTICLE VI AMENDMENTS

A. Amendments to this Constitution may be proposed by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of both the Senate and the Graduate Board, or by petitions of two percent of the Student Body. Proposed Amendments must have the approval of the President of the University prior to being presented to the Student Body for ratification. Amendments shall become part of this Constitution upon ratification by a majority of votes cast in an election of the Student Body, provided that the proposed amendments have been published in The Gamecock newspaper at least one week prior to the vote of the Student Body.

B. Changes to the Student Government Codes, as enacted by the Student Senate or the Graduate Board and approved by the President of the Student Body or passed over his or her veto, shall require the approval of the President of the University.

Viewpoints

The Daily Gamecock Staff Endorsements

James Strickland best choice for president

Despite lack of charisma, candidate better than rest

Endorsements are not based on the odds of a candidate winning. A proper endorsement only looks for the best candidate with the strongest credentials to represent USC on a variety of issues, both around campus and statewide.

So in that spirit, The Daily Gamecock's editorial board unanimously voted to endorse James Strickland for student body president. He's extremely bright and has solid, transformative ideas for the student body. Strickland doesn't accept the status quo, and we believe he'd be willing to challenge authority when needed.

What separates Strickland from the other candidates, who are more well-known and charismatic, is his experience. He's previously worked to improve campus dining. He's started an organization on campus. He's served on countless SG projects, worked in the state Legislature and carries near a 4.0 GPA in the South Carolina Honors College. Strickland makes his points in a logical and factual manner. He's done his research and would grow into the role of an effective advocate for the student body.

Strickland would continue to work on taking the CarolinaCard off campus and enacting the taxi service that would replace the failed Cocky's Caravan. He wants to be a responsible steward of tuition dollars.

Most importantly, he seems to deeply care about the position instead of just padding his resume.

Strickland has his flaws. He's not the most charismatic candidate. He plans to give his \$5,400 stipend for student body president back to the university, and we believe that sets a horrible precedent. The student body president works extremely hard and, if anything, maybe the job should pay a little more.

But the other candidates — while strong speakers — were overwhelmingly disappointing.

Steve Vereen has charisma and the personality to serve. He's funny and energetic. But Vereen admitted to our editorial board that he wouldn't support his own candidacy if he was looking in from the outside.



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James Strickland's professionalism and platform helped him win The Daily Gamecock's endorsement.

During his year as Health and Wellness secretary for Student Government, he didn't author a single proposal. He attributed the lack of work to his thoroughness, but that doesn't help his case. A student body president must work on dozens of tasks at once, moving each along simultaneously.

That doesn't bode well for our student body. While Marcus Lattimore says he can "Believe in Steve," we cannot say the same.

Rohail Kazi has been endorsed by current Student Body President Ebbie Yazdani and has served as SG's secretary of Housing.

But when asked what he has done to make life better for students who live on campus, it was clear that Kazi has done little more than meet with a lot of folks. He was totally unprepared to explain key platform points, including a book exchange for students and a special shuttle for those who live in the Greek Village to Williams-Brice Stadium.

While clearly intelligent, Kazi has failed to do his homework and admittedly had no idea that the book exchange he is proposing had already been tried by former administrations. Before a

candidate chooses to run for office, he should spend some time researching those issues that he claims to care deeply about. After meeting with Kazi, it was clear he has not done so.

Joe Wright is perhaps one of the most personable candidates in this year's election. As president of University Ambassadors, he is tasked with selling this university to prospective students and their families regularly.

Unfortunately, when given the opportunity to share his platform with our editorial board, Wright's pitch fell flat. Not only was he unable to articulately communicate his plans for USC, we were not convinced he is ready to take on the huge responsibility of leading our student body. If his campaign video is any indicator, however, Wright is a great dancer and would bring new energy to a position that could definitely use some.

Earlier in the campaign, we criticized Strickland for sending thousands of Facebook friend requests to students he didn't know. We still don't think that was the best move.

But your best move is still voting for James Strickland in this year's election.

Emily Supil
for treasurer

Unopposed but
not incapable
of position

In the race for student body treasurer, The Daily Gamecock didn't really have much of a choice when choosing who to endorse.

Emily Supil is running unopposed.

Thankfully, we unanimously believe Supil is the right person for the job.

As treasurer, Supil is in charge of planning and organizing the Student Government budget. She's also expected to work with student organizations across campus to allocate funds and help make initiatives happen within SG. We believe her work as Senate Finance chair certainly qualifies her for the position as she has previously approved the budget and allocated funds. From our conversations with others, she was efficient and effective at doing this, just as her campaign promises she will be as treasurer.

As we said before, Supil had no competition for the job. But she's still visited dozens of campus organizations, talked with hundreds of students and made her name known in the student body. Campaigning with no competition takes initiative, and we applaud Supil for her efforts.

It's not an endorsement without reservations. Supil was short on specifics when it came to the ins and outs of her next position.

But we think Supil will quickly learn the details of her job and become an effective student body treasurer.



Courtesy of Melissa Gonzales

Katie Thompson better of two options for vice president

Both candidates fail to impress staff, but one more trustworthy than other

After meeting with both vice presidential candidates, The Daily Gamecock's editorial board almost decided to endorse neither.

Both candidates were quintessential politicians, determined to have us believe everything they said regardless of how ridiculous or untrue the statements sounded.

Katie Thompson seemed to greatly exaggerate the role she played in executing

plans to replace Cocky's Caravan with a new taxi system. But more disappointingly, she defended her irrational and absurd plan to reduce the cost of parking tickets from \$5 to \$2 in hopes students wouldn't be as concerned about the tickets, rack up more of them and, as a result, garner increased revenue for the university. Instead of admitting how ridiculous this proposal is, Thompson smiled, seeming to believe that a plan encouraging students to break the law actually makes sense and benefits the University of South Carolina.

Our editorial board quickly decided John Cuenin is not qualified for this position. He admitted to betraying Student Body Vice President Taylor Cain and not going through proper channels when making decisions as president pro tempore — or second in command — of the Student Senate. Cuenin admitted he hadn't met with many students inside his own College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. He also conceded things he has promised on the campaign trail aren't necessarily feasible. Most importantly, when members of The Daily Gamecock editorial board quizzed Cuenin on eliminating parking tickets in the Greek Village during meal times, he told The Daily Gamecock he'd reconsidered that proposal and no longer thought it was feasible. He blamed a staff member when a Greek member of the editorial board recollected

hearing his campaign recently promise such.

In subsequent online messages after the interview, he told The Daily Gamecock he'd never made such a promise. We won't accuse someone of lying, but we're not sold on his candidacy in the slightest.

Thompson, while not as straightforward as we'd like, has a record of fighting for students. She spoke out against Cocky's Caravan, which she believed represented a gross misuse of student funds. While the degree to which her involvement mattered in making the taxi service a reality can be debated, there is no doubt that she has invested some time and energy into this effort.

In addition, we believe Thompson could effectively lead the Student Senate, a body that makes important decisions that affect all of us. She could also work alongside any of the presidential candidates to get things done at USC.

It is with this in mind that our editorial board has decided to endorse Thompson's candidacy for vice president. We're hoping she can grow into this position and become an effective leader, and we hope she grows quickly.

In full disclosure, seven members of the editorial board reluctantly voted for Thompson. Zero voted for Cuenin. Two members said they were uncomfortable endorsing either candidate.



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‘When Harry Met Sally’ advice still valid

The philosophy of popular 80’s romantic comedy offers words of wisdom, applies to valentines of today too

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For fans of the 1989 romantic comedy “When Harry Met Sally,” it’s more than mere entertainment — it is its own philosophy. In its sharp, penetrative look into the development of Harry (Billy Crystal) and Sally’s (Meg Ryan) friendship into a full-fledged relationship, it has an almost singular place in the overrun field of 1980s comedies. It’s a pivotal entry in an overcrowded genre, one that pays debt to the verbal duels of so many comedies of old school Hollywood while also carrying traces of what would become Judd Apatow and the like’s sex-driven romantic romps. Here at the Mix, “When Harry Met Sally” is our movie of choice for the year’s most romantic holiday. Not only is it hugely enjoyable, it has everything you ever need to know about love. This Valentine’s Day, don’t just enjoy the movie — enjoy its philosophy.

“Men and women can’t be friends”

This is Harry’s central theory, and he believes it fully because, “the sex part always gets in the way.” And let’s face it, most of us probably want to have sex with all of our friends. Is that a bad thing? I guess that depends on how attractive your friends are.

God”

In case you ever wondered how religion plays into fashion, “When Harry Met Sally” has an answer for that, too. When Sally discusses her “days of the week underpants,” — so labeled so she knows which one to wear each day — she says there is no Sunday. Is it reading too much into the film to suggest it represents how religion controls how we perceive things as basic as underwear? Probably, but it’s worth a thought.

“Never take anyone to the airport at the beginning of a relationship”

Probably the wisest advice any Billy Crystal character has ever bestowed, and anyone thinking about what their relationship means should take heed. Driving someone to the airport sets a precedent, just like doing any kind of favor. If you never do anything, you never get asked why you don’t do it anymore. Plain and simple.

The best cable package always has “Casablanca”

New Year’s Eve trumps Valentine’s Day

Yes, Valentine’s Day has somehow emerged as the “ultimate romance fest” in our culture, driven by a need to section off one day a year for Hallmark, FTD and Russell Stover to do some serious business. One of the saving graces of “Harry Met Sally” is that it removes Valentine’s Day entirely and replaces it with several crucial New Year’s Eve scenes, where the infinite possibilities of a new year are equitable with the infinite possibilities of a new relationship.

Throughout their friendship, Harry and Sally constantly debate the ending of famous 1942 romance “Casablanca” — should Ilsa have gotten on the plane? Was Rick a good lover? — and this debate about what constitutes “real love” is one of the markers of their evolution from bickering acquaintances to lovers. Any world that could offer a station that plays nothing but “Casablanca” would certainly be a terrific world.

“They don’t make Sunday because of

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Hughes’ Muses

Valentine’s Day movie dates give couples a fighting chance

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For some people, Valentine’s Day is a day of great meaning; flowers are bought, reservations are made and mushy compliments are exchanged. For others, today is Monday and is no different than any other Monday, except that we have to suffer through an inordinate amount of public displays of affection. However, for those who do have a Valentine and are in search of an activity (aside from the obvious), the movies are always a safe and reliable outing. For those who are going to visit the cinema, this unorthodox cheat sheet will detail how to have a successful and normal Valentine’s Day movie date:

First Date:

This article won’t help you. Think of something else.

1-3 Months:

Ah, your relationship is young and exciting. You are in what people like to call “The Honeymoon Phase.” But don’t worry, it will get worse. Cherish this Valentine’s Day because you are not aware of how annoying the other person really is. At this stage, you absolutely must find a theater that has the armrest going up, because if you are not touching, the world will most likely end (scientific fact). Ladies, this is the only time in your entire life you can suggest a romantic movie and he will agree. Take advantage of this opportunity because it will never happen again.

3-6 Months:

At this point, you are pretty well versed in who your Valentine’s Day date is. This date will be spent with the male doing calculations in his head to determine if the post-date sex is worth the expenditures during. If not, he will be inevitably grumpy. You will both try to find a movie you agree on because you’re past the pleasing stage but still not in the “I-don’t-care-what-you-think-I-want-to-see-it-so-shutup” stage. This will inevitably end up with the weaker (the person who cares about the relationship more) having to watch a movie they have no desire to watch, but they will hide their displeasure because they are “making this work.” Both of the parties will be stuffed because they are no longer embarrassed to guzzle down food in front of their date, resulting in a silent, satisfied stupor that makes the night bland but without argument or conflict.

6 months+

This date begins with you taking shots because you realize that your date has nothing interesting to say anymore (did they ever?). This is the first time in weeks that you have taken time to look nice for them, so here’s hoping they recognize you showered and smell decent. You chose the movies because frankly, it means you’re spending time together but you don’t have to talk to each other, which works out nicely. Plus you avoid awkward conversations at the beginning of the movie. You should definitely call ahead, not to get times but to make sure that the armrest doesn’t go up, so you will not have to touch — that will be best for both of you.

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A cappella groups mix new and old

Songs ranging from Boyz II Men to Bieber bring audience of all types

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These days, the music industry is all about the next big thing, especially when it comes to special effects. Auto-tune has changed the face of hip-hop, as the Super Bowl Halftime special was basically a light show featuring the Black Eyed Peas, and we can even make Ke\$ha sound like a man. But strip away all the extras and you’re left with the best instrument possible: the human voice. And that’s all that USC’s SoundCheck, Cockapella and the Cocktails needed for Sunday night’s “I Love Acapella” performance in the Russell House Ballroom. In the spirit of Valentine’s Day, the a cappella groups spread the romance, mixing in classic love songs with some new hits in front of a packed house. The night opened with USC’s newest a cappella group, PolyVox, taking the stage with Jason Mraz’s sweet serenade “I’m Yours,” followed by Matt Nathanson’s mega-hit “Come on Get Higher.” After that, it was Cockapella’s chance to turn on the charm. But instead of getting too mushy, the first co-ed a cappella group at USC kept things light, even getting down on one knee in proposal (complete with rings) during Taylor Swift’s “Love Story.” The group also brought out its softer side, singing the sentimental Phil Collins track “You’ll Be in My Heart” from Disney’s “Tarzan.” “I really like being a part of Cockapella because it gives me a really good release after all the stress of the daily routine and academics,” said Cockapella member Jess Lawrence. “Plus, it’s fun.” Decked out in black and pink, USC’s all female a cappella group, the Cocktails hit the stage soon after, with a song arsenal complete with both old and new

‘Vagina Monologues’ promotes sexual health

Diverse actresses perform play on controversial subject

Rebecca Krumel
THE DAILY GAMECOCK

The title Eve Ensler chose for her off-Broadway play could not be better suited — women of various backgrounds, sexual orientations, shapes and sizes take the stage to discuss their vaginas with you, the audience.

“The Vagina Monologues” take some pressure off the audience, but don’t expect to feel comfortable in your seat for at least the first few.

Risque innuendo aside, this play has a deeper concern. It is meant to confront people with sexual trauma and violence that women face and to raise money for

sexual trauma services and anti-violence organizations. You may leave feeling as if you have found your voice to stand for women’s rights, yet the topics of the monologues are not all morose — some of them are comic and quite uplifting for women no longer held down by standards of male domination like that of an Elizabethan society.

The way these women performed their lines was very effective. Director Kassie Mae Miller, a graduate student in Women Studies and Social Work, led the troupe of Columbia women in a re-staging of the updated Monologues.

When asked if she ever felt uncomfortable breaching the topic of vaginas, she said, “Absolutely not. While I do think some of the monologues are controversial and make me blush a little, I think each one of them

shares a very important message. Whether that message is expressing sexuality in a positive way, bringing awareness to sexual violence or discovering your vagina, all of them shed light on women’s sexuality, an issue that is generally silenced in today’s society.”

All of the women in the play agreed that its message to women is that they should not be afraid to talk about their sexual experiences, because their experiences and their bodies are not trivial.

“There are a lot of women who were raised to fear or ignore their bodies, and that is a shame,” said Sarah Wagner, who performed “The Flood” monologue.

As for the controversial subject, “I find it interesting that on a campus that plasters the word ‘cocks’ across its hats and t-shirts proudly, there is still such a taboo about

openly using the term ‘vagina,’” said Megan Dale Lee, who played a transvestite woman. “I think that’s pretty indicative of how far we have left to go as a culture claiming gender equality.” The Vagina Monologues has been performed in over 76 countries, and Ensler’s sister production, “The Burka Monologues,” has been performed in several Muslim countries as well. Women’s true stories from around the globe cover a sweeping content of vagina-related topics in the play. From rediscovery of their vaginas to embarrassing moments, from sexual abuse to culturally-enforced genital mutilation, “The Vagina Monologues” proves to be an effective method of spreading the word against violence on women.

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CONCERT ● Continued from 6A



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Members of SoundCheck sing to a lucky volunteer during the “I Love Acapella” concert Sunday night.

school. Then it was time to bring out the big guns; it was time for Justin Bieber. In a way that would have made melted the heart of the Bieber himself, the Cocktails rocked out “You Smile,” before belting out pop-tart Mandy Moore’s retro classic “Candy.”

Soon after, the men of USC’s SoundCheck began their set, starting it off right by selecting one lucky female from the audience to be serenaded as they sang Bruno Mars “Just the Way You Are,” before channeling Paramore with “The Only Exception.” SoundCheck also reached out to those without a Valentine this year, taking on Cee-Lo Green’s smash hit “Forget You.” The boys then took us back to the corny side of love, digging up the Boyz II Men 1990’s classic baby-making track, “I’ll Make Love to You.”

“I’ve been singing since the sixth grade,” said second-year SoundCheck member Alex Pham. “And it’s great

because this group has really great chemistry now and we hang out with each other a lot outside of our practices and performances. We’ve all created bonds with each other.”

In the past year, the popularity of USC’s a cappella groups has grown greatly, spawning YouTube videos and plenty of Facebook fan pages. With several performances throughout the year, including last winter’s Christmas-themed show benefiting the Children’s Hospital, SoundCheck and company have something to offer everyone. Each show provides a variety of musical genres from pop to hip-hop, so the next time USC’s a cappella groups host a show, make sure to stop in and give it a listen.

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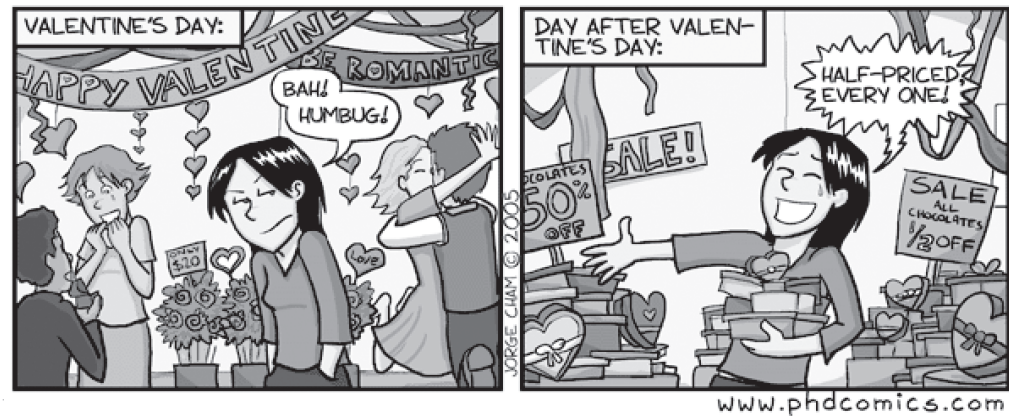
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A R I E S Today especially, you work well with others. You may feel drawn to stay at home for dinner with a loved one. Express your feelings. Why not?

TAURUS Spend wisely on your Valentine. Use creative methods and chosen words. It's about sharing love with people, not money. Get outside and burn some calories with someone.

GEMINI Are you tired of your old role? It's never too late to recreate and reinvent your persona. Balance intelligence with intuition to regenerate character.

CANCER The day may start looking gloomy and full of limitations. Warm up and stretch your muscles (including your mind), and, soon enough, opportunities open up.

LEO The emotions of the day may run amok and turn to frustration. Burn some anguish by getting your heart rate pumping and your body moving. Work it out.

VIRGO A wise man once said, "It's easier to love than to be loved." Accept love, it won't be on your doorstep forever. Listen for it and give it away.

LIBRA As your day proves productive at work, don't get sucked in too deep. Leave time for your special ones. Love them, and notice how reciprocal that is.

SCORPIO Why don't you skip the restaurant tonight and cook dinner at home? You could follow this with a walk under the stars and conversation by a fire.

SAGITTARIUS Today's perfect. It's a day for intimacy, sharing and exploring relationships. Don't spend more than you need to. Everything happens for a reason.

CAPRICORN Be careful, something you try doesn't work. New information threatens assumptions. Romance works best later in the day, so get work done early.

AQUARIUS Be happy wherever you are. Find comfort in those who love you. Joy can be found in the smallest details, if you allow it. Balance your heart and mind.

PISCES You come up with creative dinner plans and Valentines. Make sure that your good intentions are clear, and share the love. A little chocolate can be nice.

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TODAY



BENYARO WITH HALEY DREIS
Doors at 8 p.m. / Show at 9 p.m., \$5
The House Five Points, 2020 Devine St.

NBT'S ACOUSTIC COMPETITION
8 p.m., free over 21 / \$3 under 21
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The House Five Points, 2020 Devine St.

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11 a.m. to 5 p.m., \$5
Columbia Museum of Art, 1515 Main St.

CALENDAR

WHAT: Free Hugs
WHEN: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
WHERE: Greene Street

WHAT: Club Sketch Bakesale
WHEN: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
WHERE: Greene Street

WHAT: Clay Club Valentine's Day Ceramic Sale
WHEN: 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
WHERE: Greene Street

WHAT: Pre-Dental Valentine's Carnation Sale
WHEN: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
WHERE: Greene Street

WHAT: Want A Kiss?
WHEN: 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
WHERE: Russell House Lobby

WHAT: Coalition Steering Meeting
WHEN: 3 p.m.
WHERE: RH 201

WHAT: EMPOWER Meeting
WHEN: 5 p.m.
WHERE: RH 201

WHAT: USC Amnesty International Meeting
WHEN: 8 p.m.
WHERE: RH 315

WHAT: News From Last Thursday Meeting
WHEN: 9 p.m.
WHERE: RH 309

PICTURE OF THE DAY



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Alex Stroman escorts SoundCheck's lucky female guest off the stage after the a cappella group serenaded her with Bruno Mars' hit, "Just the Way You Are."

Crossword

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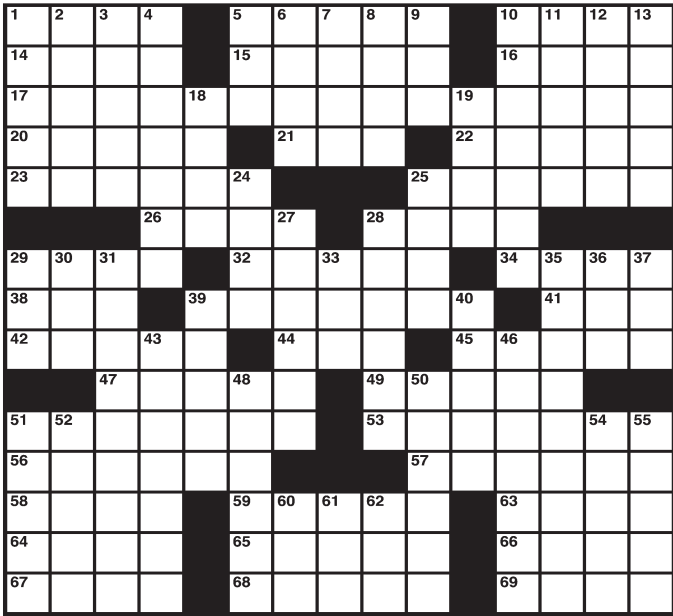
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ACROSS

1 Hand mop?
5 Siren, for one
10 Sound rebound
14 Corny state?
15 With 17-Across, illusionist's act, and this puzzle's title
16 Unit of loudness
17 See 15-Across
20 Playwright's device
21 Sib, either way
22 Coincide
23 Turn in
25 Most dependable
26 With 28-Across, "Presenting: Info!"
28 See 26-Across
29 Track figures
32 Start of a confession, maybe
34 Waste time, with "around"
38 Louvre Pyramid architect
39 Aptly named lab apparatus
41 Zip
42 '80s-'90s entertainment combo
44 Gp. with big busts
45 Aptly named girder
47 With 49-Across, "Presenting: Instrument!"
49 See 47-Across
51 Holy
53 Experience
56 With 57-Across, "Presenting:Wall hanging!"
57 See 56-Across
58 Approximately
59 Mountain air
63 Wood site
64 Julia in films
65 Clinton Cabinet member Shalala
66 Further
67 Kind
68 Not on the level
69 Batik artist



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6 China neighbor
7 Cultural opening?
8 Rounded edges, usually
9 Label for many
Tom Petty hits
10 Dorothy Parker forte
11 Job
12 Perfects
13 Advent
18 Day's "will be"
19 Stretched tight
24 Pop singer Brickell
25 Emmy winner
Thompson
27 From dawn to dusk
28 Illusion of familiarity
29 Back (out)
30 Part of R&D: Abbr.
31 Distributes, as the loot
33 Land in la mer
35 Ethereal
36 Org. with covert ops
37 It merged with
Air France in 2004
39 Bond girl Ekland
40 Rose: Pref.
43 Give comfort to



46 Holy
48 Insurer at One
Lime Street, London
50 Needing to be
fielded, as a baseball
51 Baseball, for one
52 Striking grouping
54 Sixth-day Christmas gift
55 It might be tall
60 "Nice!"
61 "CSI" sample
62 You've just
reached it

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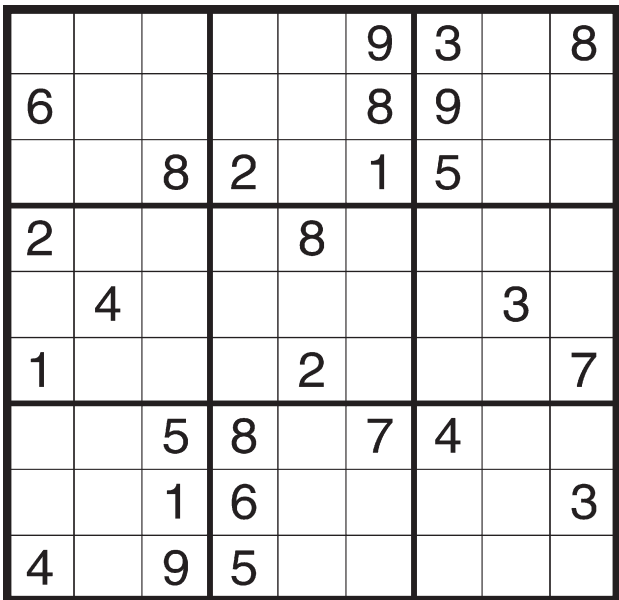
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9	6	7	5	4	2	3	8	1
8	2	5	6	1	3	4	7	9
4	1	3	9	8	7	5	2	6
5	8	6	3	7	9	1	4	2
1	3	9	4	2	5	7	6	8
7	4	2	1	6	8	9	3	5

Fierce USC comeback falls short

Second-half drive fails in 60-56 loss to Georgia

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The game was all but over. After going 4-28 from the field and posting its lowest point total in a half since joining the SEC, South Carolina trailed Georgia 28-9 and looked to be well on its way to a third straight loss and fifth in six games.

Nearly 20 minutes later, the Gamecocks found themselves behind a mere 59-56, with the ball and in position to pull off one of the greatest comebacks in program history.

Avoiding a momentous letdown, however, UGA forward Trey Thompkins completed another strong performance against Carolina with a block of freshman Bruce Ellington's 3-point attempt, leading to a Gerald Robinson free throw that secured a 60-56 victory.

"We all just got to witness a tremendous college basketball game," coach Darrin Horn said. "Obviously, our confidence was shook with our young group. For us to bounce back, compete and fight the way we did in the second half, to make the plays and get the contributions we did from so many different guys, is in some ways a step for our team as we continue to fight, claw and scratch like that."

Just three days removed from a 0-8 start against Florida, Carolina (13-10, 4-6) opened up Saturday's matchup with nine straight misses before sophomore forward Lakeem Jackson finally laid one in with 13:20 to go in the first. By that time, Georgia (17-7, 6-4) had managed to score eight, two of which came on a monster dunk from guard Travis Leslie.

It didn't get any better from there as the Bulldogs proceeded to outrebound USC 28-15 in the opening period and carried a 20-7 run over the last 12:48 to go into halftime with a 19-point lead.

In the opening minutes of the second, however, the Gamecocks made it clear that they weren't going away quietly.

After going 0-12 behind the arc as a team in the first half, Carolina quickly got on track behind a pair of 3s from freshman guard Brian Richardson that cut the lead to 31-17.

Three minutes later, senior forward Sam Muldrow swatted away a dunk attempt from

UGA forward Chris Barnes to become USC's all-time leader in blocked shots. The play gave him 251 for his career and pushed him ahead of former forward Brandon Wallace.

"I'm really proud of Sam," Horn said. "He's just a young man that has been a pleasure to coach since I've been here. He's a hard worker, a tremendous kid and a guy whose confidence could've been shook because he hasn't played great as of late. He came out in the second half and went gangbusters in every way, especially around the basket. It's good to see him get it."

But behind the play of Thompkins — who finished with 16 points and nine rebounds — and a trio of 3s from Leslie, Robinson and Dustin Ware, Georgia found itself with a 47-24 lead with 11:13 remaining.

Adding to a five-point first half, however, junior forward Malik Cooke kept his team in it with eight points over the next five minutes as the Gamecocks closed the gap to 54-42 at the 5:45 mark.

Two minutes later, a pair of Muldrow free throws made it a one-possession game as the Bulldogs fought to hold on to a 57-55 lead.

After UGA forward Jeremy Price managed to knock down two free throws of his own, Muldrow added another from the line to cut the lead to three. Following a missed shot on the other end, Carolina regained possession and called timeout with 13 seconds to go.

Despite injuring his calf earlier in the game, Ellington took the ball on a misdirection play and fired a shot from behind the arc as Thompkins added his second block of the day to allow Georgia to escape with a win.

"[Ellington] didn't want to come out," Horn said. "[His calf] started to cramp a little bit and was sore, but the bigger the moment, the more he wants to be a part of it. Credit Trey Thompkins for doing a good job of fighting around and getting a hand on it."

Although his team saw its early lead nearly disappear, UGA coach Mark Fox wasn't surprised at the way Carolina battled its way back at the end.

"Early leads in our game never last," Fox said. "They're hard to hold in league play because teams are good. The key for us is that we found a way to win."



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Georgia forward Trey Thompkins (33) blocks USC guard Bruce Ellington's attempted game-tying 3-pointer in Carolina's 60-56 loss to the Bulldogs on Saturday.



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The Lady Gamecocks, seen here playing Tennessee, won their third straight game.

Carolina victorious over MSU

Strong post-halftime showing nets 15th win

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USC women's basketball hit a high of the Dawn Staley era Sunday.

With a 60-53 win over Mississippi State in Starkville, the Lady Gamecocks picked up their 15th win of the season — the most wins in a single season under Staley.

The win did not come easily however. USC started off very poorly against a staunch MSU defensive effort.

"We kind of came out sluggish, but give credit to them," USC assistant coach Darius Taylor said on 1320 AM after the game. "They did a good job defensively ... but we got back to what we did best, which is driving the lane and making key shots."

One the Lady Gamecocks got their legs under them, they did just that. Trailing 23-19 at halftime, Mississippi State pushed its lead up to eight early in the second period before USC began to assert itself.

Carolina got to 42-39, before a three-

point play by MSU's Mary Kathryn Govero pushed the Lady Bulldog lead back to six midway through the second half.

USC took off from there, embarking on an 11-0 run to grab a stranglehold on the lead and game.

USC's full court defense was too much for the Bulldogs and caused several turnovers that led to easy fast break points.

"It was a hard fought game and we knew that coming in," Taylor said. All there players are jelling at the right time which is end of the season. Overall we did not play very well but we gutted it out and got the victory."

The victory marks the third consecutive win for USC. Next up for the Gamecocks is a meeting with SEC-leading and No. 4 Tennessee in Knoxville.

"It is going to be a challenge but we are up for it with a couple days to prepare and try to squeak out a win [against the Lady Vols]," Taylor said.

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Zack wins SEC dive title

Senior captures second 1-meter championship

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Going into her 1-meter dive, Taryn Zack did not know what kind of performance she'd have to put up to win the SEC title.

"The funny thing is I wasn't watching the scores," Zack told GamecocksOnline.com. "I wasn't watching the board so I had no idea. I knew everyone was diving well, but I also knew that I was diving well and I was hitting all of my objectives."

Zack not only won her second SEC Championship with her dive but also set a four-year old record with a score of 336.55. The previous record was 333.90. Zack also became South Carolina's fourth diver to win multiple SEC Championships.

The dive capped off both a successful career and a remarkable recovery from adversity for Zack.

"Taryn has come back from tearing her Labrum and just trained her heart out and dove her heart out today," coach Todd Sherritt said following the meet. "It was a great competition out there. The whole field did great, and her leaving by setting the SEC record — it was a perfect day for us."

South Carolina's Courtney Forcucci finished in fourth place with a personal-high of 315.95.

Zack put herself in position when she put up a score of 57.60 in the third round to move into second place. After the fifth round, she was in the lead, but LSU's Becca St. Germain wasn't far off as the two battled for the SEC crown.

Going into the final dive, Zack needed to post at least a score of 57 to win the championship, but after earning a 62.40, the highest score on a dive for the night, she accomplished



Photo Courtesy of USC Media Relations

Senior diver Taryn Zack won her second SEC diving title in as many years.

more than she had imagined.

"It was a great way to end my senior year in the SEC," Zack said. "I was really looking to have one more win under my belt, and it was just a great way to finish."

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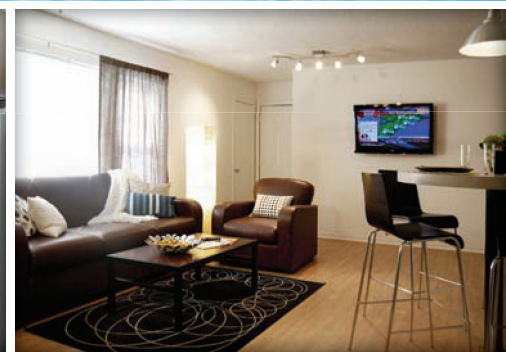
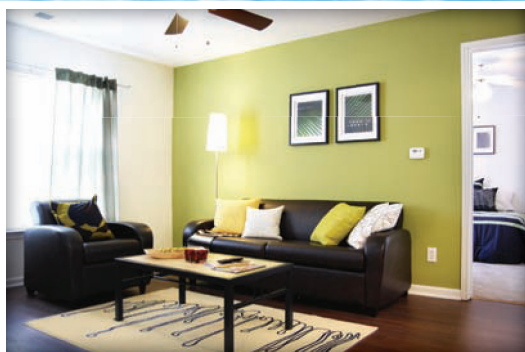
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